

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 16: (canceled).

17 (currently amended): A steel pipe pole base reinforced with inverted-U or inverted-V shaped ribs welded to said steel pipe pole base in the form of a T-joint, characterized by having ultrasonic peening processed portions at weld toes, wherein the peened processed portions for the shaped ribs is a portion located from an upper end portion of the shaped ribs ~~to at least 10 mm downward from the upper end portion~~ and wherein the shaped ribs have a center line and the peened processed portion for the shaped ribs is a region extending at a central angle on both sides of the center line, wherein the central angle is in the range of about 30 to 60 degrees.

Claim 18: (canceled).